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COMMENTARY

"Rogue Elephant" Poised To Charge Co-ops

This editorial was written by Jay Downen, executive vice-president of Montana Associated Utilities, Inc., and is reprinted from Montana's statewide rural electric publication, Rural Montana.

During the 1980 election campaign, Reagan administration spokesmen liked to refer to the government bureaucracy as a "rogue elephant." They called the beast "nearly uncontrollable" and said it cut a swath of destruction through the pocketbooks and private lives of all Americans. Implementing his campaign platform, the president installed advisers to find means to reduce the size and influence of the bureaucracy. For a while, we heard a great deal about obligatory economic impact studies designed to assure that the benefits exceed the cost of new government regulations.

Regulations, internal position papers, policy memorandums—they are the essential tools of the bureaucrat and they are, supposedly, the sworn enemies of the current administration. But, now we hear that the rogue elephant's demise might have been reported prematurely.

Internal bureaucratic maneuvering now has joined Budget Director David Stockman's direct efforts aimed at achieving a common goal: the eventual elimination of the REA insured and guaranteed loan program. The swift attacks which previously characterized attempts to dismantle the rural electrification program have become more subtle but appear to be just as relentless and potentially devastating. When architects of the earlier plan saw their efforts thwarted by grass roots objections and strong opposition in Congress, they turned to a different tack.

"What does this bureaucratice mumbo-jumbo on the REA loan program mean?"

At best, it could be said that REA is going through the pangs of reorganization under a new administration. But the previous statements of administration officials would lead us to believe that this is not the case. More likely, it is a case of manipulating the bureaucratic structure to produce a result which could not be achieved through othe means.

Now we learn that a reorganizatio of the REA is planned to "avoi fragmentation and functional overla . . . found in the current electri program organization." We can hop that REA Administrator Harold V Hunter is finally getting thing working to his liking and will brin forth an efficient and well intentioned organization which wil become more responsive to the need of its borrowers. We can hope.

Congress has repeatedly urge Administrator Hunter to maintai present loan ratios and amounts an has been supported by the Nationa Rural Electric Cooperativ Association's Future Financin Committee, which has done excellen work in considering alternativ methods of approach. The Futur Financing Committee has mad recommendations aimed at assurin the future stability of REA financin programs and we hope that REA wil interpret these efforts in the spirit o cooperative effort which they ar intended.

But in the end what does all thi bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo mean? I means that, if successful, th administration will have succeeded i increasing electric rates for rura consumers while, on the other hand providing tax breaks for powe companies of $4 billion per year. Th inequity in this situation is especiall painful for two reasons: First, electri cooperatives usually receive 20 time less revenue per mile of line tha power companies and; second, th increased costs for power—whic will be passed along to rura consumers—are unnecessary an counterproductive to reviving th nation's economy.

The managers, directors an leaders of rural electric cooperative throughout the country have turne their attention to enlistin Congressional support in their effort to provide member-consumers th lowest cost energy possible. It woul be unfortunate if they must no guard their flanks against a charge b the "rogue elephant."

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VIEWPOINT

Regulatory Reform: Rough Seas For Co-ops

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, which sets the wholesale rates levied by the investor-owned power companies upon North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations, has been through a startling transformation over the past two years.

Since taking office, President Reagan has named three new commissioners to the five-member panel and re-appointed a fourth. As a result, the agency's operations have taken on the unmistakable shadings of the administration's economic program.

This "regulatory reform" is being translated into higher electric bills for the consumer-members of Tar Heel EMCs.

By adopting new policies and procedures, FERC has tilted away from the consumer-protection role it had played in previous years—the role that was envisioned for it when Congress created the agency.

In the process, FERC has established a procedural pattern that routinely places the power companies at a decided financial advantage over the cooperatives involved in these cases.

By acting in the vast majority of cases to suspend the proposed new rates for the one-day minimum period allowed by the Federal Power Act, the agency forces those co-ops—and ultimately their consumer-members—to pay excessive rates for extended periods before hearings can be held on the fairness of those rates.

This approach ignores the law's provision for suspensions of up to five months—a device that was routinely used in these cases in the past—and effectively undermines a legal mechanism that was designed to protect the wholesale customers.

Once a suspension is ordered, the FERC's notoriously slow processing of cases often makes it necessary for the EMCs to bear the financial burden of excessive rates for as long as two years before FERC issues a ruling on those rates.

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Although any excess revenues collected by the companies are refunded with interest, refunds of this sort have little impact because by then the co-ops involved are likely to be facing yet another rate increase proposal at FERC. Each of the major power companies serving Tar Heel co-ops now files at least once a year for a wholesale rate increase.

In any event, the prospect of a refund two years down the road offers little solace to the farmer or small businessman who is facing the immediate threat of bankruptcy.

Meanwhile, the FERC often gives the power companies pointers on taking advantage of legal loopholes that allow them to inflate their rates.

That's what happened in a recent case when the FERC staff said Virginia Electric and Power Co. could justify an even stiffer hike than the firm had proposed.

In addition, FERC has consistently declined to consider the rulings of state utilities commissions even when those agencies' findings could provide important evidence regarding a power company's operating performance.

That could have become a critical oversight for the EMCs that buy power from Carolina Power and Light Co. in view of the N.C. Utilities Commission's recent retail rate decision penalizing CP&L for poor management practices.

Fortunately for the co-ops involved, both the CP&L and VEPCO cases have been settled through negotiations—although each settlement was undoubtedly at a higher level than would have been the case under previous FERC policies.

Meanwhile, the federal commission should feel an obligation to respond when another government agency raises serious questions about a company's management practices. After all, those practices would have the same kind of impact on the ultimate consumer, whether he's a direct retail customer or a co-op member-owner whose power flows from that firm's generating plants.

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On Separate Channel

Public TV To Carry Farm Reports

Beginning in January, North Carolina farmers will be able to check on the latest news about market prices, supply and demand by simply flipping on specially-adapted television sets and tuning in one of the stations of the UNC Center for Public Television.

This experimental new telecommunications service, to be known as Market Newsline will transmit full-screen news text provided by the Market News Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

In order to tap this free news service, farmers must be able to receive a Center station's signal either directly or through a cable system and equip their TV set with a special caption converter unit.

The device, which is available for under $300, is similar to a standard cable television converter. It is designed to work on the Center's signals, whether they're received through UHF, VHF or cable.

"With the start up of this service at the first of the year, farmers all over our state will have instantaneous access to marketing data," said Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham. "And with this information, look for the farmers of North Carolina to be a leg up on the competition—and a dollar or two ahead of their peers."

In offering the news service, the Center will be implementing some recent advances in telecommunications technology, according to Jim Protzman, the Center's director of communications.

He said the Market Newsline system was initially used by Public Broadcasting Service to provide captioning services for the hearing-impaired. In the process of developing those services, additional capacity was built into the system.

"The captioning system can now carry captions in two languages and two channels of additonal information. Market Newsline will appear on one of these information channels," he said.

He pointed out that similar projects are being conducted by public television stations in five other states.

"We heard unofficially that PBS and the U.S. Department of Agriculture were conducting this project, and given the importance of farming in North Carolina, it seemed only natural that we participate."

The UNC Center for Public Broadcasting stations are: Channel 2, Columbia; Channel 4, Chapel Hill; Channel 17, Linville; Channel 19, Jacksonville; Channel 25, Greenville; Channel 26, Winston-Salem; Channel 33, Asheville; Channel 39, Wilmington and Channel 58, Concord.

For additional information about Market Newsline, write or call Alan MacIntyre at UNC Center for Public Television, P.O. Box 3508, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Phone: (919) 962-8191; or Charles Edwards, Market News Section, N.C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. Phone: (919) 733-7252.

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North Carolina's electric cooperatives obviously have a vital stake in seeing that their power suppliers remain financially healthy. However, they cannot sit quietly while federal authorities allow these companies unreasonable rate hikes and excessively high profits at a time when the nation's rural economy is experiencing the most severe downturn in decades.

The co-ops and their consumer-members are protesting current FERC practices, even as new efforts are being mounted by the administration to further smooth the way for power company rate increases.

The outlook is that the agency's approach probably will not change until there is a change in its guiding philosophy—and that must be directed from the White House.

It seems clear, then, that the co-ops must brace themselves to navigate more rough seas ahead as the Good Ship Regulatory Reform continues to "stay the course."

EMC ANNUAL MEETINGS CALENDAR...

Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
Dec.			
2	Tideland Pantego	Registration: 6:00 p.m.	Bayboro High School
4	Carteret-Craven Morehead City	Registration: 6:00 p.m.	Beaufort Elementary School

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Safety Alerts Issued On Gym, Squeeze Toy

The Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington has issued a safety alert on two toys—the Reliance "Protecto Hold Me Tite" squeeze toy and the Creative Playthings Indoor Gym House.

Reliance Products Corp. has announced a voluntary recall of about 390,000 of the squeeze toys because of the danger of choking or suffocation.

Creative Playthings has issued a renewed warning about the dangers of the indoor gym after reports that a Philadelphia child became entrapped in the space between the upper rung and platform of a ladder. No injury occurred although three children have died in similar incidents.

The firm initially issued an alert on this product last March, saying replacement ladders would be provided for these gyms to eliminate the safety hazard.

For more information on these safety alerts, you may call the Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll free Hotline: 800-638-8326. For more information on the gym replacement ladders, call Creative Playthings' toll free number: 800-846-4359.

Expansion Projects Set By Three EMCs

Three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been authorized to receive loans from the Rural Electrification Administration for expansion projects. They are:

● **Davidson EMC,** Lexington, will receive a $2.3 million loan to finance a project that includes service to 1,800 additional consumers, 103 miles of distribution line, five miles of transmission line and various system improvements.

When the project is completed, the EMC will be serving 26,500 consumers over 3,018 miles of line in portions of Davidson, Guilford, Forsyth, Stokes, Rockingham, Randolph, Davie and Montgomery Counties.

● **Carteret-Craven EMC,** Morehead City, will receive a $1.9 million loan to finance a project that will add 1,724 new consumers, and 73 miles of distribution line. It will also include some system improvements.

When the project is completed, the EMC will be serving 19,230 consumers over 1,818 miles of line in Carteret, Craven, Jones and Onslow Counties.

Randolph EMC, Asheboro, will receive a $3.5 million loan to finance a project that includes service for 1,750 additional consumers, 109 miles of distribution line and various system improvements.

When the project is completed, the EMC will be serving 20,801 consumers over 2,739 miles of line in portions of Randolph, Alamance, Chatham, Montgomery and Moore Counties.

The three co-ops will use the REA loans to cover 70 percent of the costs of these projects, with the remaining 30 percent coming from supplemental financing by the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Gastonia Museum Slates Special Holiday Programs

Two special holiday observances are scheduled at the Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium in Gastonia.

On Nov. 21 from 1 to 6 p.m., the museum will present a "Pioneer Thanksgiving," featuring living history interpreters preparing a holiday feast on an open hearth.

Home Folks

Six members of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service have been selected for Distinguished Service Awards by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. They are Yadkin Extension Chairman **Sam J. Young,** Sampson Agricultural Extension Agent **Cuyler F. Heath Jr.,** Currituck Extension Chairman **Jerry W. Hardesty,** Swain Extension Chairman **C. D. Bunn,** Chatham Extension Chairman **Carl Outz,** and Alexander Chairman **Billy Westbrook.** Each recipient was cited for his leadership in specific educational programs that have benefited the citizens of his country . . . **Frank B. Boyette** of Lumberton, vice-president of Southern National Bank in charge of farm management service, has been elected chairman of the State Extension Advisory Council. The council is composed of 10 volunteer leaders from across the state who provide guidance for the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. Boyette is a charter member of the council, which was organized in 1979. . . **Dr. Jay Arena,** professor emeritus of pediatrics at Duke University Medical Center and founder of Duke's Poison Control Center, has been awarded the highest honor of the American Academy of Pediatrics for outstanding work in child safety . . .**John Robert Ferguson** of Rt. 3, Clyde has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, Waynesville. He will fill the unexpired term of **Millard H. Ferguson** of Rt. 3, Clyde, who resigned for health reasons after 15 years on the board.

A similar observance, recreating traditional Yuletide celebrations from the Colonial period, is scheduled for Dec. 19 from 1 to 7 p.m. The program will close with a candlelighting service of scripture and carols.

For more information about these festivities, call or write Kay Moss at the museum, 1500 Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28052. Phone: (704) 864-3062.

Sixteen Directors Elected At 5 EMCs

Two newcomers and 14 incumbents were elected to the Boards of Directors of five North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations during recent co-op annual meetings:

- **Central EMC,** Sanford—A newcomer, William C. Dalrymple of Rt. 10, Sanford, was elected to succeed J. P. Dalrymple of Rt. 10, Sanford, who retired after 41 years on the board. Re-elected were Johnnie J. Chalmers of Rt. 2, Cameron and L. Gilbert Clark Jr. of Rt. 1, Bear Creek.
- **Four County EMC,** Burgaw—Re-elected were R. E. Pendergrass of Tomahawk and Lucille Eakins of Rt. 1, Watha.
- **Albemarle EMC,** Hertford—Re-elected were James A. Whitehurst of South Mills; Walter Lowry Jr. of Rt. 4, Elizabeth City and John N. Bunch Jr. of Rt. 2, Edenton.
- **Surry-Yadkin EMC,** Dobson—Re-elected were Jack Messer of Rt. 1, Traphill; W. E. Collins of Rt. 2, Westfield; Jack Marion of Rt. 2, Pinnacle and Joe Pendry of Rt. 1, Boonville.
- **Cape Hatteras EMC,** Buxton—A newcomer, Ellis Gray of Avon, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Edward Scarborough of Avon, who resigned. Meanwhile, three incumbents were re-elected: William Z. Burrus of Hatteras, Evan G. Williams Jr. of Avon and Asa H. Gray Jr. of Waves.

EMC Director Honored For 41 Years' Service

A veteran director of Central Electric Membership Corporation, Sanford, has been cited by the co-op's Board of Directors for his 41 years of service to the EMC.

He is J. P. Dalrymple of Rt. 10, Sanford, who retired last month after more than four decades on the EMC's board.

In a resolution, the board paid tribute to Dalrymple as "the only living member of the Board of Directors who signed the Charter" of Central EMC.

The resolution honored Dalrymple for his "outstanding leadership" as a director and as president of the board for the past 23 years, saying he had demonstrated "unparallel dedication" to the co-op and the rural electrification program in North Carolina.

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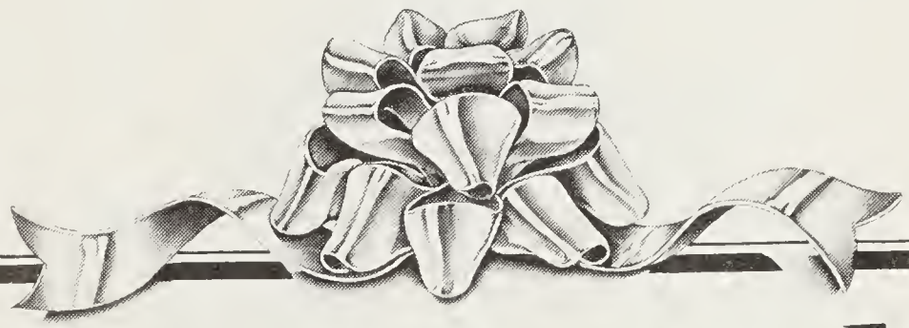
Professional photographer Jimmy Valentine of Highlands made this striking photo in a greenhouse at Mayland Technical College in Spruce Pine.



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Mountain People Recall

Remembrances from another era, as recorded by Patsy Moore Ginns in her book Snowbird Gravy and Dishpan Pie. **The narrators of these excerpts are identified by name, date of birth and country.**

The Sunday Visit

"Staying all day was just a regular visit"

You know, back then people would say, "I'm coming to see you, and I'm going to stay all day." Well, a lot of times on Sunday morning they'd start out with a wagon, and it'd take 'em two or three hours to go and two or three hours to come back, so they would stay all day. It wasn't like going someplace now and staying a few minutes. Staying all day was just a regular visit.

It didn't matter back then whether they let you know they was coming or not. They knew you'd be at home anyway. And, you know, most of the stuff was raised on the farm. Garden, plenty of wild meat. Didn't cost much.

—*Richard Childress, 1905*
Avery County

Strange Concoctions

"Dr. Heighway . . . I can see him right now dumping different, horrible things in papers."

My earliest recollection of a doctor
was Dr. Heighway,
who lived right across the street.
He made his own pills.
And I can see him right now
with his case open,
dumping different, horrible things
in papers.

You didn't take them in capsules.
You took them in papers.
Folded them up.
Then you opened them up
and dumped them on your tongue
and swallowed water.

Sometimes you'd rather die than
take it!

—*Emily Cooper Davidson, 1894*
Cherokee County

No Barber Shops

"If you wanted a haircut, you'd go and stay at a neighbor's and stay all day on Sunday to get your hair cut."

Well,
it was just like cuttin' your hair.
They didn't have barber shops,
and only a few people
would cut your hair.
Lots of times on Sunday
it you wanted a haircut,
you'd go and stay at a neighbor's
and stay all day on Sunday
to get your hair cut.

And he didn't make no charge.
If you had a dime or a nickel
that you could spare,
why,
all right.
You'd give it to him.

And if you didn't have any money,
you just thanked him for it.

—*Ralph Crouse, 1922*
Alleghany County

Our House

"People walked about everywheres they went to work. Had nothing to ride."

When I built my house and covered it in boards, it blowed snow in the house, and me and my wife would have to put the quilt over our faces to keep the snow off. Then, get up that morning and walk through the snow in the house where it blowed in and feed our chickens through the cracks in the floor. See, they'd go under the house, and I'd feed 'em through the cracks in the floor.

Now, people will think, "He's just telling that," but that's the God's truth! Ain't no joke; that's a fact!

You'd just live or die, son; That's just the way it was. No, not hardly any of us died then (from exposure). You see, then people walked about everywheres they went to work. Had nothing to ride. You walked there, and you walked back.

Well, now they'll get in a car or get in a truck and ride to the job. Then they'll ride back to the house and set and watch television. Then they drop over from heart attacks and die. Ain't a-gettin' no exercise. That's the reason of so many heart attacks now, just as sure as we're a-livin'.

We never heard nothing about no heart attacks then. People didn't have no heart attacks. Most people died of old age then, just get real old. I mean, they lived to be old. My wife's grandma was a hundred-and-some years old when she died. And then, my first cousin was a hundred-and-five. Now they get about forty, fifty, sixty, and they drop out.

—*Stanley Hicks, 1911* Watauga County

A Right Smart Of Difference

"All you ever seen of a woman was her face and hands."

Well, as for courting, there was a right smart of difference a-courtin' then than there are now. Well, I had a couple of sisters older than I was. The two oldest of the family was the sisters. They would dress up to go to meeting. Now, they'd put on their long dresses down below their shoe tops. The people back then wore shoes. There wasn't any such thing as slippers. They wore high-topped shoes, buttoned up. They came up quite a little bit. And the sleeves came down to their wrists, the the neck buttoned right up under their chin. And all you ever seen of a woman was her face and hands.

They would put on what they called "hoops," great big things that come up around here and made their dresses stand out. And then they put on what they called a "bustle." It was a big pad on their hips back there. Homemade ones. They made them theirselves, you know. They thought it made them look better, you know. I was too little to know much of what the men thought about them then.

Well, the young fellows went to see their girls a-foot. Once in a while, one would have something to ride. Well, they had mules. We, at home, always had a team. We had to have a team to work. So far as going out of a Sunday, they generally had a mule to ride. But sometimes, when they'd plow them mules all week, they'd let them rest of a Sunday because they was tired. And they'd take it a-foot, you know. Oh, they'd go three or four miles, and they'd dress up, but it was in mostly homemade clothes. But they went decent, all right.

They'd usually meet at church, and then they'd bring the girls home, you know. Stay sometimes till bedtime.

—*Henley Crawford, 1879* Clay County

Blackgum Toothbrushes

"When you was old, you were just as old as you was, and there was no helping it."

Now, people didn't used to have
toothbrushes like we do now.
They just chewed their toothbrushes.
Just break a switch off of a
blackgum tree and just chew 'em.
It'd be just like a brush.
And you'd clean your teeth with that.

And they used soda.
Some people tried to
take care of their teeth,
but hundreds of them neglected 'em.
And when a person got old,
they didn't have no teeth then.
There was no way to get 'em.
They didn't have no glasses that was
worth anything.
When you was old,
you were just as old as you was,
and there was no helping it.
If you didn't have a hair on your head,
or if you didn't have
a tooth in your mouth,
or if you couldn't see,
you weren't worth anything.
There was not a thing
you could do about it.

—*Iowa Patterson, 1881* Clay County

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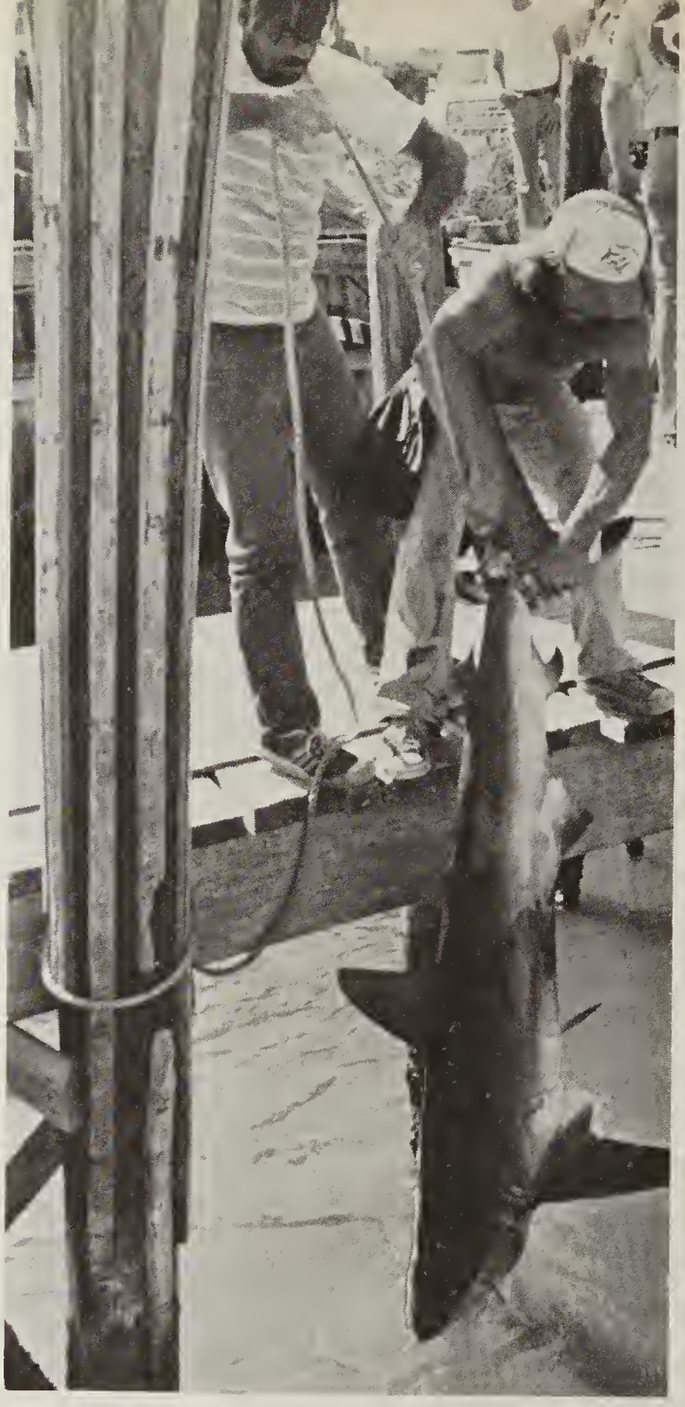

Two fishermen hoist their catch at Hughes Marina during the Shallotte Point Poor Boy Shark Tournament.

Text by Joyce Evans
Photo by Geary Clark

Stalking Sharks Off Shallotte Point

With their ice chests filled with liquid refreshments, their gas tanks filled and their bets in place, the flannel-shirt-and-blue-jeans clad fishermen adjusted their sunvisors as they stepped off the creaking docks at Hughes Marina into their waiting boats.

"Let's go get 'em, men," came the amplified call, launching North Carolina's first registered shark tournament, the Shallotte Point Poor Boy Shark Tournament, Oct. 2-3.

At the command of Bill Tripp, tournament director, the fishermen took off in search of sharks aboard 46 boats from the Carolinas, New York, Maryland and Virginia.

Some cut through the gray morning mist into deep water 35 miles out, while others began fishing in earnest within three miles of the marina.

The fishermen were optimistic as they waited, knowing that the world record tiger shark, weighing 1,150 pounds, was caught at Yaupon Beach, 20 miles north of the tournament site.

Some of them soon became bored with the wait, though, and started fishing or trolling for mackerel. Those with more patience waited on.

For Dave Smith of Whiteville, the wait was worthwhile. A 312-pound tiger shark took his hook baited with mullet about three miles out, and Smith fought him for two hours before landing the prize-winner that Saturday afternoon.

"He took the hook and he just went down," Smith said, waving his sunburned arm to mime the shark's movement.

"We brought him back to the boat seven times before we finally wore him out," he said.

The shark measured nine feet and nine inches long.

Smith said he had entered the tournament after a friend sent him a brochure as a joke.

"I never can catch mackerel," he said. "So he figured I should enter a shark tournament."

Dr. Frank Schwartz, UNC-CH professor and author of the book, *Shark in North Carolina and Adjacent Waters*, stood beside a picnic table as Smith's winning shark was hoisted from his boat by the yellow crane parked next to the water. The great grey fish was laid on a nylon stretcher and weighed before being stretched across the picnic table next to Schwartz.

With a yellow rubber apron, Schwartz took detailed measurements of the shark. Then, picking up a sharpened butcher knife, Schwartz slit the shark's white belly and pulled out the stomach to examine its contents.

Schwartz said he was glad to see tiger sharks caught during the tournament.

"I've been catching spinners and haven't seen tiger sharks for about a month," he said. "I must admit, it is good to see them."

He explained that sharks were in the process of migrating south and he had thought the tiger sharks had already gone to warmer waters. Four tiger sharks were caught Saturday and two were brought in Sunday. Other species caught included duskys, browns and sharp-nosed sharks.

Smith took home $2,000 for his winning shark. Dole Dennis of Shallotte won a $1,250 check for his second place shark, a 152.5 pound tiger. Stephen Parker of Fayetteville took home a third place award of $750 for his 151 pound tiger.

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WASHINGTON SCENE

The 97th Congress: 'Very Disappointing'

To Congressman Steve Neal, a Democrat, the 97th Congress which just ended, was a "disappointment".

To Congressman W. G. (Bill) Hefner, also a North Carolina Democrat, the 97th was "very disappointing".

To President Ronald Reagan, a Republican, it was also disappointing—but for different reasons.

Faced with continued high interest rates, a deep recession and unemployment at more than 10 percent—the highest in 40 years—the president has blamed the Democrats in Congress for not cutting spending enough.

The President Worked His Will On Economic Issues

Hefner, on the other hand, says Congress gave the president what he asked for.

"No president since George Washington has ever gotten more of what he requested than President Reagan," Hefner said, as the 97th Congress came to a close last month.

Neal put it this way: "Quite frankly, I am somewhat disappointed with the 97th Congress. We managed to save the tobacco program, but failed to make badly needed adjustments in the administration's economic program.

"The result has been continued high interest rates, unacceptable deficits, record unemployment and bankruptcies, and overall fiscal policies that are unbalanced and unfair."

Hefner cited high interest rates, which many members of Congress blame on the tight money policy of the Federal Reserve Board.

"We will have no real recovery until interest rates come down and people are able to buy houses and automobiles," Hefner said. "Those two things are basic to our economy."

And indeed, the president seems to have worked his will in the 97th Congress, as a coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats—the latter mostly from the South—gave him the majorities he sought on economic matters.

That coalition voted his tax cut of 25 percent over a three-year period—the largest such cut in the nation's history.

Congress also gave him the large increases he demanded for defense and some, but not all, of the decreased spending he asked for in domestic programs. There were cuts in such programs as food stamps, job training, child nutrition and other "social programs".

When the smoke of all this had cleared, it was discovered that the tax cut and the increase in military spending were going to result in the biggest budget deficit in federal government history.

Since experts agreed that the amount of money that the government would need to borrow next year was over $100 billion, and since interest on the national debt is rising faster than anything else in Washington, key members of Congress persuaded the president that some sort of additional taxes were needed, and the largest tax increase in history, almost $100 billion, over the next three years, was passed.

Thus, in two years, the 97th Congress had approved the largest tax reduction and the largest tax increase in the history of the republic.

When Reagan assumed office, interest rates were at an all-time high, inflation was worrying everybody, housing and automobile sales were down. If his tax cut were passed, the president said, the people would have more money to save and to invest, America could produce more, people could be put to work and things would get better. We could even balance the federal budget, because with more people working there would be more money available, even with a lower tax rate.

So far, even Reagan supporters agree it hasn't worked that way. The country went into the worst recession since the Great Depression and unemployment jumped to its highest point since before World War II. Even though interest rates fell mildly, the housing industry was still moribund as few people had money to spend for homes, or new cars.

Agencies which in the past have aided the poor found their funds reduced and in cities many churches tried to take over the job of helping the hungry. The government started to distribute surplus cheese and needy people lined up in a manner reminiscent of Depression bread lines.

The president and his supporters insist that the program he advocated and pushed through Congress will work, given more time. His opponents say Reaganomics has failed.

The self-styled New Right, made up of conservatives who were Reagan's initial and strongest supporters when he was campaigning for the presidency, supported his tax cut but opposed his later tax increase. Some were even openly critical, saying he was deserting the right and moving toward the center.

Observers will watch with interest what happens during the next two years.

For the present, the happiest

eople in Washington are at the entagon, where they have more ioney and where they are hiring eople while other government lepartments are cutting their staffs.

Unhappy were members of the onservative wing who attempted to nact anti-abortion legislation and o tell the Supreme Court to leave he issue of school prayer alone. They failed to get the legislation passed, even though they had Reagan's support for these two neasures.

Ninety percent of the work in Congress for the past two years has been spent dealing with the economy, and the results have been to give the Reagan administration pretty much what it asked.

Congress gave the president a twenty-five percent tax cut, five percent the first year and ten percent for each of the following two years. This was accompanied by cuts in spending, as the president followed through on his campaign promises to reduce the size and scope of the federal government.

Combined administration and Congressional budget cuts lopped 50,000 persons from federal payrolls.

Food stamps were cut by $2 billion, although some of this was restored. Medicare was cut by increasing the amounts persons have to pay from their own pockets, and lowering reimbursements to hospitals and home health agencies. The cuts in Medicare will total over $13 billion during a three-year period.

The president had proposed Medicare cuts totaling $23 billion, which Congressional sources said would have cost an elderly person over $850 for a two-week stay in a hospital by 1985.

Cuts in these domestic programs, however, were replaced by President Reagan's program to increase military spending, up to a total of about $240 billion a year. Indeed, if Congress goes along with the White House—and it has so far—the spending for defense will increase by almost fifty percent during the next five years.

But defense spending isn't the fastest growing expense in the federal future. The Congressional Budget Office, a bipartisan agency, estimated that interest on the national debt will increase by almost sixty percent in the same period.

With a $150 billion deficit looming for 1983, and similar deficits foreseen for the two years after that, the government is going to have to borrow more money from the financial markets, which economists say will lead to continued high interest rates.

Economy Measures, Leaf Bills Touch Tar Heels

North Carolinians, of course, are touched by all of those matters. But Tar Heel farmers were affected directly by two actions taken by the Congress this year: the tobacco price supports were preserved, although the opposition was stronger than ever before, especially in the Senate; and an additional tax of eight cents a package was placed on cigarettes. The government will start collecting this on Jan. 1, 1983.

Toward the end of the session, Congress scrutinized a White House-supported amendment to the Constitution which would require a balanced budget. Numerous bills have been introduced to require the federal government to balance its budget each year, but the president and many members of Congress want to see the mandate written into the Constitution.

The proposal passed the Senate by a rather lopsided margin in August, but was bottled up in the House Judiciary Committee and appeared dead for this session. However, in an unusual maneuver, backers secured the 218 signatures needed to bring it before the House. The president immediately went to Capitol Hill to lobby personally for the amendment, which would require ratification by the states.

His efforts were unavailing, however, as the House defeated the measure by a vote of 236 to 187, far short of the two-thirds necessary to approve a Constitutional amendment. Every member of the North Carolina delegation voted with the president and for the amendment.

Congress then decided to adjourn, after passing legislation necessary to keep the federal government operating until December 17, which means it will have to come back into a special session late in November to appropriate money for the remainder of 1983.

Most members left in a hurry immediately after adjournment, their attention fixed on their home districts and their chances of survival to serve in the 98th Congress.

If the Reagan administration generally prevailed on economic issues during the 97th session, it had far less luck with the "social issues" which the president had supported strongly during his campaign.

Beset by economic problems, the White House was able to defer any effort on school prayer or anti-abortion legislation as both Congress and the administration sought to deal with the nation's finances.

Finally, North Carolina's Sen. Jesse Helms was able to get bills dealing with abortion and school prayer onto the Senate floor. He did it by attaching them as riders to a bill to increase the debt ceiling. The Congress had to up the debt limit so that it could borrow enough to stay in business.

The Helms proposals were anti-abortion and pro-school prayer, with the prayer amendment barring federal courts from overturning state laws that allow prayers in the schools.

Liberal and moderate senators immediately mounted a filibuster against both measures, and several votes in the Senate failed to get the 60 required to cut off debate. Finally, the Helms effort was called off.

"But we will be back," Sen. Helms told a pro-prayer rally in Washington the next day. He also indicated that the records of senators who supported the filibuster would be brought up in 1984 elections.

And The Winners Are . . .

Alice Hisada of Raleigh and her "Wined and Chived Chicken" recipe won third place honors and a $3,000 prize in the 1982 National Chicken Cooking Contest in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Hisada, a lab research specialist at N.C. State University and the mother of seven, was one of 51 state champions competing in the national cook-off.

The $10,000 first-place prize went to Mrs. Marcia G. Adams of Fort Wayne, Ind., for her "Baked Chicken Reuben."

These two award-winning recipes are reproduced here, but all of the finalists' entries are included in a *Chicken Cookbook* that may be ordered for $1.50 (includes postage and handling) from the N.C. Poultry Federation, Box 2431, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

WINED AND CHIVED CHICKEN

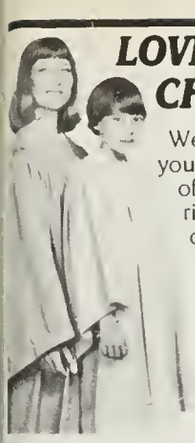
2 whole chicken breasts, halved, boned and skinned
1/2 lemon
1 t. sugar
1/4 t. coursely ground black pepper
3 T. butter, divided
1 c. sliced fresh mushrooms
1 clove garlic, mixed
2 T. flour
1 c. chicken broth
1/3 c. moselle wine, semi-dry
1 T. dried chives
1/3 c. heavy cream
1/4 t. paprika
1/4 t. salt
4 large slices buttered, oven-toasted French bread

Place chicken in single layer, on one end of a large sheet of wax paper. Gently squeezing lemon half, rub it over chicken on both sides. Mix sugar and black pepper and sprinkle on both sides of chicken. Fold other half of wax paper over chicken and press chicken with hands to flatten slightly and to help the sugar-pepper mixture adhere to the surface of chicken. In frypan, place 1 tablespoon of the butter and melt over medium-hot heat. Add chicken and cook, turning, about 3 minutes or until brown. Remove chicken and set aside. In same frypan, make sauce by placing the remaining 2 tablespoons butter and melting over medium-low heat. Add mushrooms and garlic; saute for 2 minutes. Add flour and stir until smooth. Add chicken broth, wine and chives; cook, stirring frequently, about 3 minutes or until sauce is thick. Return chicken to sauce in frypan and simmer, uncovered, over low heat. Cook, turning chicken occasionally, about 18 minutes or until fork can be inserted in chicken with ease. Stir in cream, paprika and salt and heat 2 minutes. To serve, place one piece of chicken on each slice of toasted bread and spoon sauce over chicken. Makes 4 servings.

BAKED CHICKEN REUBEN

4 whole broiler-fryer chicken breasts, halved and boned
1/4 t. salt
1/8 t. pepper
1 can (16 oz.) sauerkraut, drained (press out excess liquid)
4 slices (each about 4 x 6 inches) natural Swiss cheese
1 1/4 c. bottled Thousand Island salad dressing
1 T. chopped parsley

In greased baking pan, place chicken. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place sauerkraut over chicken; top with Swiss cheese. Pour dressing evenly over cheese. Cover with foil and bake in 325°F. oven for about 1 1/2 hours or until fork can be inserted in chicken with ease. Sprinkle with chopped parsley to serve. Makes 4 servings.



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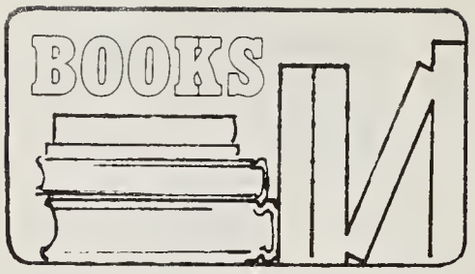

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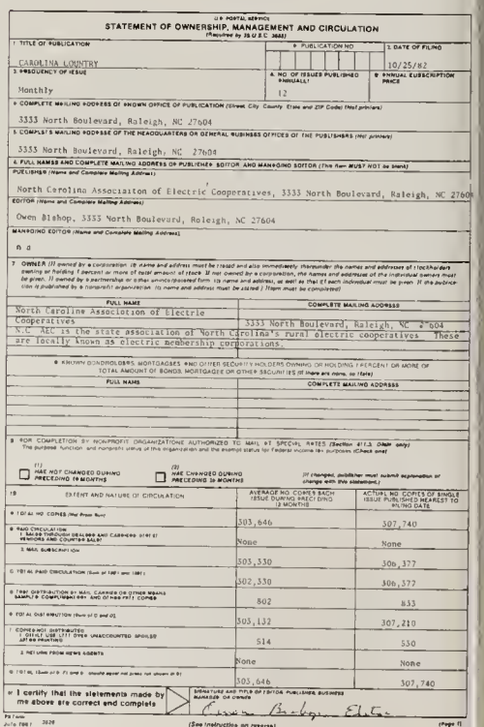

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Since I am a chiropractor, my hands are my living, so I knew I had to find an answer. I soon found that standard medical texthooks had no answers for me. I then turned to the field of nutrition. Within a comparatively short time, I learned how to relieve my sore and aching joints and muscles.

What it all boils down to is 5 specific foods that have helped me and my patients—and that can also help you— gain marvelous relief from arthritis and rheumatism!

1. The first is the oil of a common nut. Not only will this oil help your rheumatism or arthritis, but it can also improve your general vitality, clear up your complexion and make your hair shine. I discovered it quite accidentally when a patient came to me troubled with impotence. I recommended this oil because it contains a sex vitamin. Not only was his impotence cured, but his arthritic shoulders were relieved. I've been using it ever since.
2. Another pleasant tasting oil you must take, with my method, is effective in relieving the symptoms of rheumatism and arthritis. You see, it helps the body absorb a certain nutrient. It is a must in my treatment.
3. This nutrient is essential to bones, for without it, bones weaken and the person winds up with osteoporosis as well as rheumatism or arthritis. That's why you often see older people hospitalized with a hip or leg fracture. This nutrient is absolutely necessary for the healing of wounds, to prevent bleeding and more. One of the first signs that you need it is the appearance of muscle cramps, often at night!
4. A common grain product which, according to recent laboratory research, *contains large amounts of a powerful anti-stiffness factor.* This food is also a powerful detoxifying agent. It helps provide resistance to disease, and is especially effective in arthritis, fibrositis, neuritis, and bronchitis. I first learned of its value in relieving arthritis from a patient with rheumatoid arthritis — a bad case. With this amazing substance, he was soon out of his wheelchair and completely free of pain.
5. A delicious fruit I use in all cases of arthritis, rheumatism, and gout. I first heard about this remedy from my Aunt Martha, who lives in the Ozarks. She is nearly 90 now, but still extremely active. She wrote me at once to tell me about how she cured her ailment at home, with this delicious fruit.

IS THAT ALL THERE IS TO IT?

Basically, that's it. No enemas, no harsh exercises, no bigger and better pills, no expensive diathermy, whirlpool, gadgets or hocus pocus.

MY FILES ARE FILLED WITH CASES THAT READ LIKE MIRACLES!

Now let me give you a few brief case histories so that you can see for yourself just how effective these methods are.

• Anna M. suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for more than 3 years before she came to me. She suffered day and night and was taking three aspirin every three hours. She could hardly get one foot ahead of the other to walk. Nor could she raise her arms to comb her hair. With my method, after six months, you would not recognize her. All pain was gone and she had no limitation of movement. Today, she has a large vegetable garden which she takes care of all by herself.

• Vernon R. had rheumatoid arthritis for several years. He was put on cortisone therapy by a prominent rheumatic specialist at a well-known hospital. One day, after several months of treatment, Vernon bumped his arm on a chair and broke it. When Vernon asked his doctor how this could happen, he replied, "Oh, broken bones often occur with cortisone treatment." Over his doctor's objections, Vernon stopped his cortisone therapy at once and came to me. With my method, after only 3 months, he completely forgot that he'd ever been sick. His aches and pains were gone!

• When Helga C. came to me, her knees were so stiff and sore she could hardly get in and out of a car. Her former doctor diagnosed her as having osteoarthritis. The things he told her to do— rest, use a heating pad, take aspirin—she'd already been doing, and she was furious. So she came to me. With my method, she improved remarkably. It has been a year now, and she has had no more trouble with her knees. She doesn't take aspirin at all any more, needs no heating pad, and says she has absolutely no pain in her knees when she scrubs her kitchen floor.

• Lucy was no longer able to use her hands. The joints of her fingers were swollen and stiff, with agonizing pain. Her former doctor gave her no hope of recovery. He recommended aspirin and said that some cortisone shots might possibly help. Maybe even some sort of operation. Then she tried my method. Within two months, the swelling in her hands was down, and there was soon no visible trace left of her arthritis.

I could go on indefinitely with case histories, but these should be enough to show the results that can be gained. I can only urge you to send for my Special Report. This Report is available in a Limited Edition only.

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James K. Van Fleet received his Doctorate in Chiropractic from Logan Chiropractic College in St. Louis, Missouri. He pursued graduate studies at 2 leading professional colleges, and has done extensive work and research in the fields of nutrition and folk medicines and has specialized in clinical research in arthritis and rheumatism throughout his years of practice.

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Try Butternut Squash For A Change Of Pace

Butternut squash are quite plentiful this time of year and they can offer an interesting change of pace for your table.

Here's an inviting recipe for using the squash in a casserole.

Country Kitchen

Butternut Squash Casserole

Submitted by Peggy Hayes of Belews Creek

1/2 stick margarine
2 eggs
1 T. vanilla
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ginger
3 cups cooked squash
1/2 cup white sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup milk

Mix all ingredients together and pour into a greased baking dish.

TOPPING: Mix 1 cup brown sugar, 1/3 cup flour, 1/3 stick margarine and 1 cup chopped nuts. Sprinkle on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

If you would like to share a recipe with this column, send it to: CAROLINA COUNTRY, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611. We pay $5. for published recipes and present each monthly winner a set of 50 recipe cards with the winning recipe printed on them.

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A total of 133 communities across North Carolina have been named winners in the 1982 Community of Awards Program signifying that they have taken a series of steps to make themselves accessible and attractive for new industry.

The total establishes a new record for the number of communities receiving the honor from the N.C. Department of Commerce.

The awards are presented only to towns with fewer than 15,000 residents and only if the community has some industrial sites ready for immediate use. In addition, an applicant must also have a functioning economic promotion organization, a development corporation able to finance construction of industrial buildings, a detailed community profile, an up-to-date brochure pointing out community services and facilities, a functioning planning commission, a knowledgeable development team and an aggressive sales pitch.

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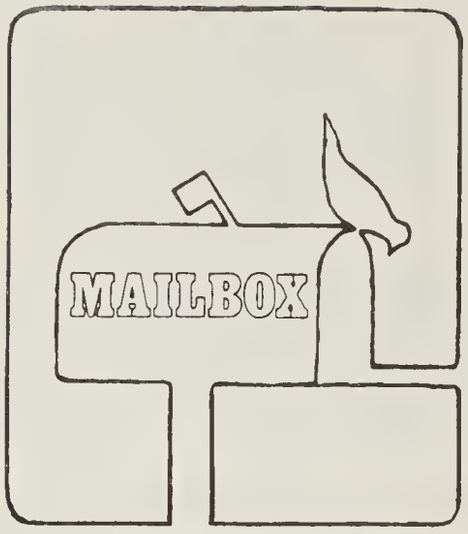

Saxe Defense of Nuclear Power Was "Misleading, Erroneous"

Although R. F. Saxe's defense of nuclear power in your August issue is quite impressive, some of the points he made are misleading or erroneous, for which I offer the following corrections:

- All energy radiates—that is, spreads out from its point of origin. All radiation is not identical, however. The radiation from nuclear fission, called ionizing radiation because it alters the charge of ions (small electrical particles) from neutral to positive in living tissue, is much more harmful than other forms of natural radiation.
- Contrary to Mr. Saxe's conclusion, any study of the hazards of nuclear power must find the *potential hazards* quite dismaying. Every part of a nuclear reactor eventually becomes so contaminated with deadly radioactivity that humans must be kept away from it, or it away from humans. Despite much research and many tests, no such procedure has proven adequate. For the convenience of having approximately 16% more electricity than we would have without nuclear reactors, we are condemning our descendants to a highly radioactive future, with all the disease and distress that entails.
- The most important contrast between wood heat and nuclear electricity has to do with choice and care. The wood burner has made a personal choice as to how to provide sustaining warmth. The electricity user, however, has no choice as to how the electricity is generated. That choice is made by the electric utility, based entirely or primarily on the rate of profit. Likewise, if the wood burner is careful, wood burning is safe, while nothing the electricity user can do, beyond political activity, will diminish the peril of radioactive wastes. A society that values individual freedom and responsibility should clearly prefer wood (and solar) over uranium.

Paul G. Hodges
Rt. 5, Mt. Airy

Feature: "A Description Of A Beach Trip In My Childhood"

I always check our *Carolina Country* fairly well because I enjoy its articles. The August issue surely gave me pleasure in Ida Wooten Tripp's description of a beach trip in my childhood. We lived in the Bucklesberry section of Lenoir County. It was perfect in every detail of the trips our parents gave us each year—even to getting a cinder on on trip.

I am so grateful to learn that there one person who appreciates tha experience as I do in my late years– 75 in October.

Julia Rouse Basing
La Gran

Hunters At Play: "Too Many Armchair Experts"

In answer to: "We've seen to much of hunters at play"—July 198

With: "Too many armcha experts."

The article you printed abou feeding wild birds was complimen tary and I believe the majority of th people of North Carolina are prou of their wildlife. As for the bear cu and the peregrine in the count dumpster, this would seem to be dumping violation as well as a gam violation, *but* not necessarily th work of hunters.

Here's my complaint: Yes trapper are still setting those steel traps t

"A 20 Percent Increase Will Really Hurt Lots Of People"

I am hoping that your company will take into mind what a tight squeeze people are in now.

Now that mortgage payments, car payments, food and clothing are skyrocketing people don't have any extra money.

The military are only receiving the bare minimum in a cost of living allowance raise. I feel a 20 percent increase will really hurt lots of people.

Ann Snitch
Fayetteville

Your concerns about the rising cost of power are shared by the managers and directors of all of North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations. That's why they and the statewide EMC organization have taken steps to oppose the latest round of rate increase proposals from the investor-owned companies which provide the co-ops with electric energy.

EMCs served by Carolina Power and Light Co. had expected that company to raise its wholesale rate by about 20 percent, but negotiations with the firm have resulted in a substantial reduction in that figure. Under the agreement, CP&L will raise its rate by 8.9 percent starting Jan. 1, 1983. (See story, Page 26).

Meanwhile, similar agreements have been worked out on recent rate hike proposals by Duke Power Co. and Virginia Electric and Power Co. that are also pending at FERC.

This federal agency will review the rate cases and decide whether or not the increases are fully justified. But the higher rates will be allowed to go into effect subject to later refunds if the commission decides that they're too high.

As a result, the EMCs must pay the higher rates for as long as the case is pending at FERC—and this means the EMCs must ask their consumer-members to dig deeper to cover these spiraling power costs.

If you have any questions or comments about the federal agency's procedures in these cases, write to Kenneth P. Plumb, secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 N. Capitol St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

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As for the three-legged housecat, as ad as it seems, if it were caught in a iller trap it probably could not have een released alive. Maybe that same at, to be out in a place to get in a steel rap, was out after one of those eautiful wild birds we all should be eeding in the winter time. So, he may ıot have been an all out housecat ıfter all.

I'm not sorry to tell you that these raps are not outlawed, but are legal in ılmost all states. Last, trapping is supported by Farm Bureau, Cattlemans and Woolgrowers Association, health officials, AFL-CIO, National Wildlife Federation, and national and state wildlife agencies.

Marco Gibbs Director, District 1
N. C. Trappers Association
Engelhard

Wildlife Protectors: "They Protect Us From Ourselves"

In your September, 1982, issue you printed a letter from Fred Grady in which he condemns what he labeled "knit-picking" enforcement by wildlife protectors. Mr. Grady cited three examples of violations in which he felt citations should not have been issued. He closed by stating this type of enforcement alienates "honest, upright, law-abiding" citizens.

I strongly disagree with Mr. Grady.

In the first instance, the young man fishing without a license at age 16 years and 18 days should have known he needed one. Had he been driving an automobile would Mr. Grady suggest letting that slide also?

In the incident involving boat registration—had it been a car would it make any difference? Surely the new owner was aware he was supposed to properly register his craft.

The third incident involved a family in a boat that was cited for not having enough life jackets on board. If the people on board had been ex-cons should they be cited?

What Mr. Grady has overlooked in all his examples is that the law applies to all people. "Honest, upright, law-abiding" citizens have as much responsibility to obey the law as anyone else. Besides, law-abiding citizens shouldn't be breaking the law in the first place.

I'm proud of the job our wildlife protectors do. By enforcing "knit-picking" laws they not only protect wildlife for future generations, they also protect us from ourselves.

Walter H. Young
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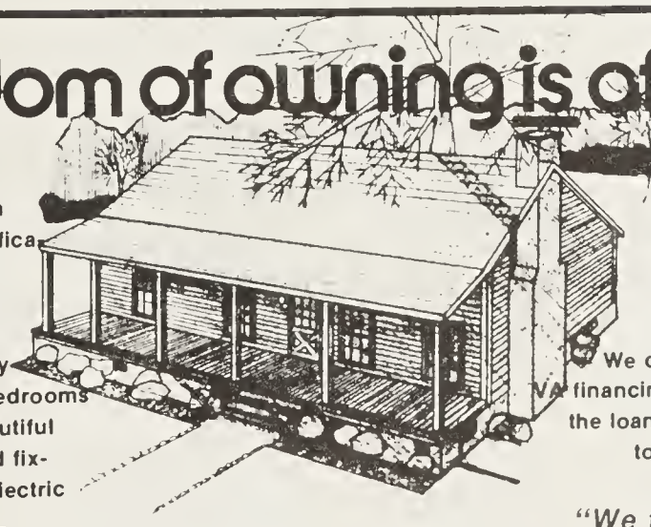

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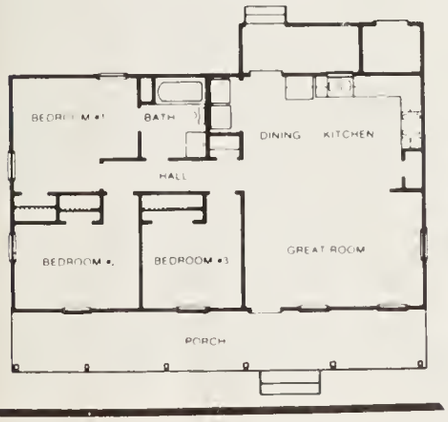

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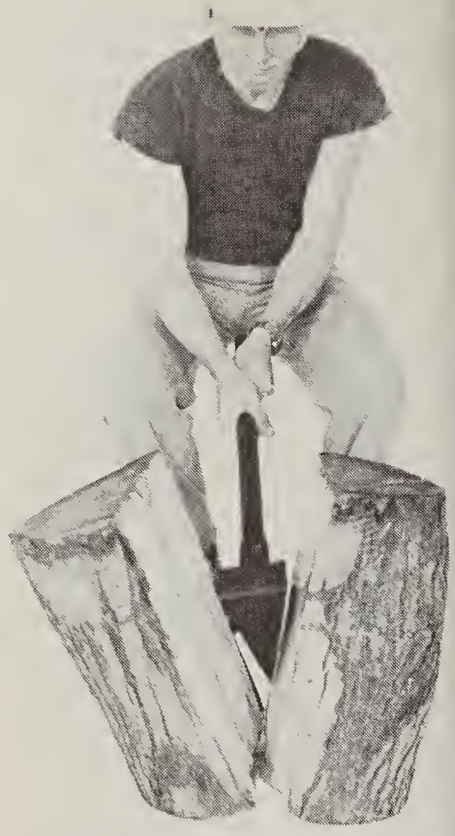

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Tom Langley, Canon City, Co

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John R. Somers, Crisfield, Md

PRAISE THE MONSTER

My first order to you was the Monster Maul. Then the Lift N Saw and Woodstove Tools. Shortly afterwards I ordered the Log Tote and 30H Heater Kit and accessories. I am really pleased with the high quality and workmanship of your products. I believe they are the best made. I only regret that I did not know of the Sotz Corporation sooner. I wanted to praise you for maintaining the quality on each item.

George E. Cowart, Watkinsville, Ga

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My brother-in-law ordered one of your Monster Mauls for his wife. Consequently she has lost 15 lbs. and is in excellent condition. I thought perhaps this would also work for my mother. Enclosed is a check for $24.95. Please send to the following address. Karl Stoltzful, Hover, AK

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Your Monster Maul is the best log splitter I've seen yet. Although I haven't seen mine for some time because when one friend gets done with it there is another waiting in line for its use. Thank you for such an honest product at an honest price, rarely seen in this day and age.

Ed L. Lucas, Hemingford, Neb.

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Financing Cleared For Revamping Hydro Plant

French Broad EMC, Marshall, has received a loan guarantee from the Rural Electrification Administration totaling $7 million to cover most of the cost of revamping an old hydroelectric plant in the North Carolina mountains.

The total cost of getting the abandoned Capitola Hydroelectric plant back into working order is expected to reach about $8 million, EMC Manager Charles Tolley said. It was built at the turn of the century and improved several times over the years.

A study using "worst case" situations predicts the hydro plant will pay for itself in about 12 years. "But with rates going the way they are going, I think it will be more like five to seven years," Tolley said.

The plant operated at a capacity of 350 KW when it was abandoned 23 years ago, but with planned modifications, it should start up again at 3,000 KW, he said.

French Broad EMC bought the old plant soon after incorporating and operated it until 1959 when the low cost of power made repair costs economically unfeasible. However, the present high cost of bulk wholesale power has made the plant economically feasible once again.

The co-op plans to build a new power house at the site, make several repairs and adjustments to the dam and install new intake structures. The project has been in the making for about three years.

"It's a start," Tolley said, adding that if the plant proves to be a money-saver, the EMC may begin to work on other power projects now under consideration.

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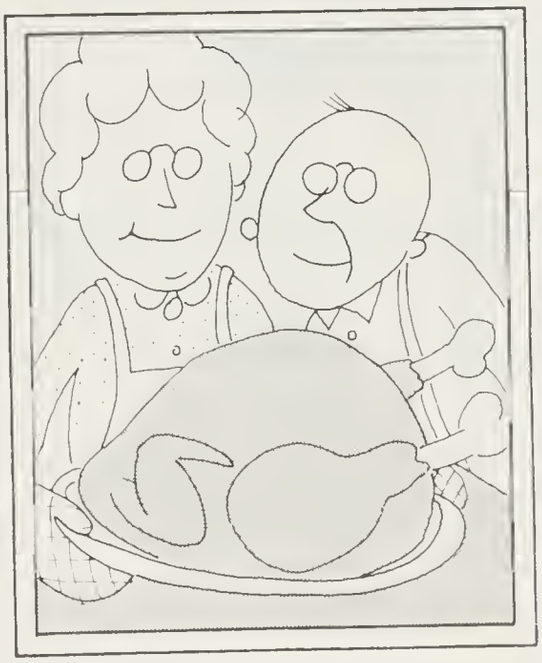

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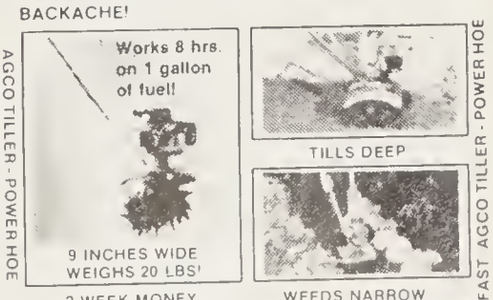
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EMC Charges Go Up Jan. 1

CP&L Trims Rate Hike Request

Carolina Power & Light Co. has agreed to a substantial reduction in its latest proposal for higher rates affecting 18 of North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations.

The reduction will mean that starting Jan. 1 the EMCs will see the projected cost of the wholesale power they buy from CP&L go up by 8.9 percent or about $11.2 million a year.

CP&L had originally asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to authorize a rate hike of 20 percent or about $24 million a year, starting Oct. 24.

The lower rates were part of an agreement worked out between CP&L officials and representatives of N.C.EMC, the power supply arm of the statewide EMC organization.

"We're naturally pleased about this development," said Jim Hubbard, executive vice-president of N.C.EMC. "By settling the case in this way, all the parties involved will be able to avoid a long, drawn-out proceeding at FERC. And the consumers of these cooperatives will be able to hold on to some of their hard-earned dollars for a little bit longer."

Without the agreement, FERC would have allowed the original rate hike to go into effect on Oct. 24 after a one-day suspension.

The agency has authority to grant suspensions of up to five months, but in the vast majority of recent cases, FERC has granted the minimum of one day.

Whatever suspension period applies, FERC procedures permit the investor-owned utilities to put rate hikes into effect while the rates are being reviewed. The revenue involved are subject to refund if th rates are later declared excessive.

The agreement on the CP&L rates which must be approved by FERC will save the EMC's involved abou $2 million by delaying the hike unti January, Hubbard said.

The EMCs which are served b CP&L are: Brunswick, Shallotte Central, Sanford; French Broad Marshall; Harker's Island; Jones Onslow, Jacksonville; Pee Dee Wadesboro; Pitt and Greene Farmville; South River, Dunn; Tr County, Dudley; Carteret-Craver Morehead City; Four County Burgaw; Halifax, Enfield; Haywood Waynesville; Lumbee River, Re Springs; Piedmont, Hillsborough Randolph, Asheboro; Tideland Pantego and Wake, Wake Forest.

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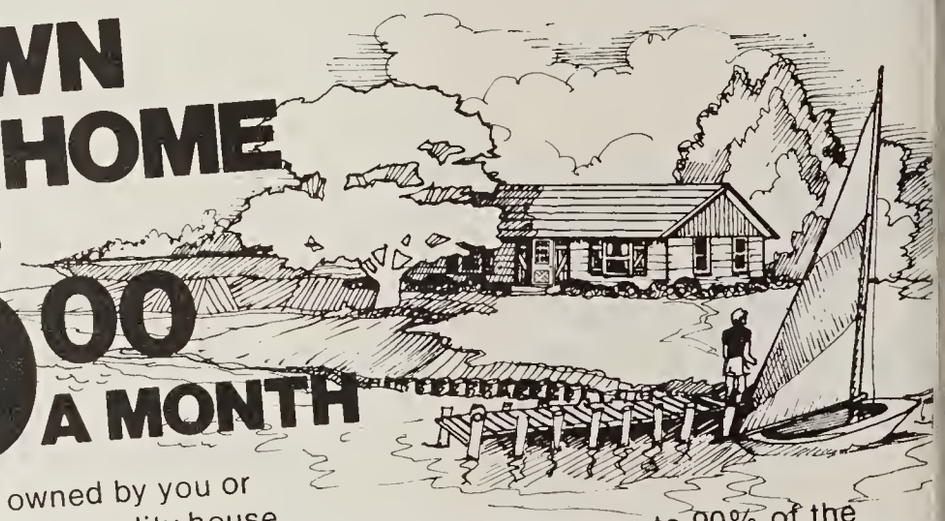

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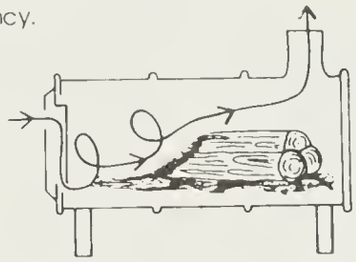

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Lloyd Olsen, Omaha, Neb.

IT'LL LAST 100 YRS.

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Jeff Connaway, Council, Id.

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Cynthia Smith, Bristol, Vt.

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Dave MacGregor, Washougal, Wa.

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Cohoon Named To N.C. EMC Economic Development Post

A former industrial development specialist with the North Carolina Department of Commerce has been named as the first Director of Economic and Community Development for N.C. Electric Membership Corporation.

William Charles (Bud) Cohoon Jr. of Raleigh steps into the new post

after 10 years with the state agency's Industrial Development Division, where he assisted industrial prospects in finding plant sites and worked with Tar Heel communities on programs to attract new industries.

At N.C. EMC, he will be handling similar duties, helping industrial prospects examine plant sites within the service areas of the state's Electric Membership Corporations.

"This position was created as the first step in a comprehensive program of economic and community development for the rural areas served by the state's electric cooperatives," said Jim Hubbard, executive vice-president of the statewide EMC organization.

N.C. EMC is the power supply arm of that organization.

Hubbard pointed out that the economic development of rural America is essential to the nation's general welfare.

He added: "The continued strength of the EMCs is dependent upon the social and economic health of the areas they serve. We have a responsibility to assist in achieving these ends."

While he was with the Department of Commerce, Cohoon was instrumental in arranging for a number of major industries to build plants in North Carolina, including the Cummins-Case diesel engine manufacturing plant near Rocky Mount and the Baker-Perkins baking equipment manufacturing operation in Goldsboro. He also assisted American Greeting Card Company in planning for a proposed manufacturing plant in Marshall.

Cohoon was reared in Columbia and graduated from Oak Ridge Military Institute in 1962. He received a degree in political science at UNC-CH, where he played three years of varsity baseball and was a member of an Atlantic Coast Conference championship team that played in the College World Series.

Before joining the Department of Commerce, he worked in sales and spent two years as a planning associate with the N.C. Council on Mental Retardation.

Cohoon is a member of the North Carolina Air National Guard with the rank of sergeant, but is currently on inactive status.

He is married to the former Janis Madelyn Sinclair of Hendersonville.

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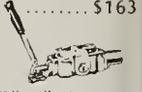

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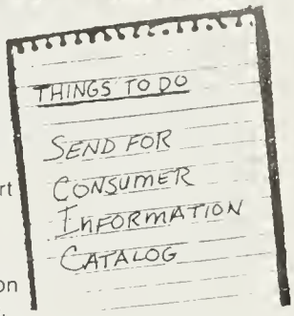

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Our Most Mobile Red-Letter Day

Thanksgiving Day falls on Nov. 25 this year, that being the fourth Thursday in the month—the legal holiday set aside for the occasion back in 1941. Until then, Turkey Day was probably the country's most mobile red-letter day.

Thanksgiving was celebrated on the *last* Thursday of November—sometimes the fourth and sometimes the fifth—between 1864 and 1939. But that was by custom, not law.

Then, in 1939, FDR decided to move the holiday to the *next to the last* Thursday in November, as part of an effort to lengthen the Christmas shopping season. He needn't have worried about that, as it turned out, for that season has expanded so much on its own that retailers now routinely switch display themes from Haloween to Yuletide with hardly a nod to the holiday that's sandwiched between those two seasons.

In any case, FDR's move failed to make allowances for the fact that calendars are printed and football games scheduled years in advance. As a result, in 1939 some states celebrated "Franksgiving," while others celebrated on the traditional date. Texas—in true Lone Star State fashion—even celebrated both.

Congress finally got around to addressing the problem in December, 1941, adopting a binding resolution that Thanksgiving would henceforth be observed as a legal holiday on the fourth Thursday in November.

As for me, it matters not at all *when* we celebrate the holiday as long as there's an officially-sanctioned day for carrying on that great tradition of our Pilgrim forefathers: gluttony.

Somehow, the old gobbler has become the star attraction of this ritual, but lots of other culinary delights were part of the Plymouth colony's lavish first Thanksgiving, according to historical records. They included venison, geese, ducks, lobsters, eels, clams, oysters and other seafood, various concoctions of corn, wild fruits, berries, herbs and nuts. Popcorn may also have been on the menu, for it had been a favorite food of the Indians for centuries.

However, there were no cranberries or pumpkin pie, although the berries and pumpkins were available.

Chances are, this bounteous feast was prepared by only five women—all that remained of the 18 adult homemakers who arrived aboard the Mayflower the previous winter. They faced the task of preparing a spread to serve about 50 Pilgrims and another 90 Indians for a three-day celebration. They may have had some help from the 13 young girls who also survived that first hard winter, but historical evidences suggests that the menfolk and Indians had no hand in the preparations.

One account says the women kept the fires hot and the pots boiling, while the men indulged in "frivolous games and exercised their arms" to sharpen their appetites.

I have to wonder if they also complained about eating all those Thanksgiving leftovers.

Testimonial To Tar Heel Turkeys

The Thanksgiving season has another tradition in North Carolina: newspaper features about the town of Turkey. How many times have you read holiday season pieces about that Sampson County community?

Those stories may be quite appropriate—and they certainly help provide copy for those hefty "after-Thanksgiving sale" issues many papers produce.

That Turkey may not have any intention of hogging the Thanksgiving spotlight, but there are a total of 48 other unheralded Turkeys across the state—discounting, of course, any folks you know that might be deserving of a spot on the list.

These 48, from the *North Carolina Gazetteer* by William S. Powell, include Sampson County's Turkey Township. Both the community and township take their names from Turkey Creek, which flows through Sampson and Duplin Counties. It was once known as Turkey Swamp. Another Turkey Swamp is in Martin County.

Meanwhile, there are 11 other Turkey Creeks. The counties they're in: Bertie-Hertford, Buncombe, Haywood, Hertford-Northampton, Moore, Nash-Wilson, Onslow, Pender, Swain, Transylvania and Wake.

There's also a Turkey Hill Creek in Orange County and Turkey Branches in Halifax, Jackson and Scotland Counties. Madison County has a Turkey Cove Branch and the Hyco River in Person County was once dubbed the Turkey-Buzzard River. Hibriten

Mountain in Caldwell County was formerly known as Turkey Cock Mountain. And Caldwell's Hen Mountain was formerly called Turkey Hen Mountain.

Both McDowell and Madison Counties claim Turkey Mountains, while Madison and Swain both have Turkey Cove Gaps. Plain old Turkey Coves are listed in Swain, Haywood, and McDowell Counties.

Along with a Turkey Creek, Buncombe County claims a Turkey Creek Gap, which is also partly in Haywood County. Haywood also has a Turkey Gap along its border with Tennessee. And Buncombe also has a Turkey Ridge.

Turkey Pens are plentiful: Turkey Pen, Turkey Pen Hollow and Turkeypen Branch in Cherokee County; another Turkeypen Branch in Watauga County; Turkey Pen Cove in Macon County, Turkey Pen Gap in Henderson County and Turkeypen Ridge in Madison County.

In addition, there are four separate Turkey knobs. They're in Henderson, Jackson, Jackson-Macon and Macon Counties.

This leaves only a few listings: Turkey Point in Onslow County, Turkey Hole in Greene County, Turkey Quarter Creek in Craven County and Turkey Quarters in Pender County.

Bringing up the rear of our list is Turkey Tail, the delightful name that was originally applied to Burke County's Glen Alpine. The community had an old tree root that resembled a turkey's tail.

Were "Good Old Days" Really All That Good?

Several months ago, I ran an Abraham Lincoln quote in this space that turned out to be bogus, but at least I was in good company for I'd seen it reprinted in numerous other publications.

As a result, I've been gun-shy ever since about using quotes from famous people, just in case those famous folks were not in fact responsible for those words of wisdom.

This month, though, I'm throwing caution to the wind in order to reprint a quote attributed to newspaper columnist Ann Landers.

I've decided it's just too good as a close for this Thanksgiving column—and I don't really care whether these are Dear Old Annie's words or not:

"Our forefathers did without sugar until the 13th century, without coal fires until the 14th century, without tea or soap until the 17th century, had no matches or electricity until the 19th century, canned or frozen foods until the 20th century. I think we'll make it with what we have today."

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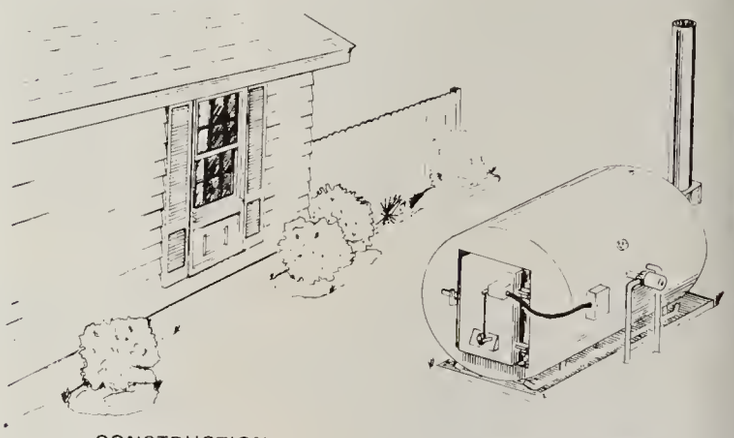

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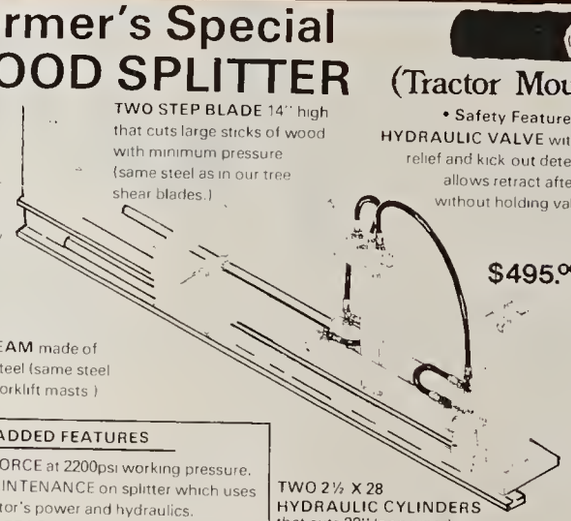

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